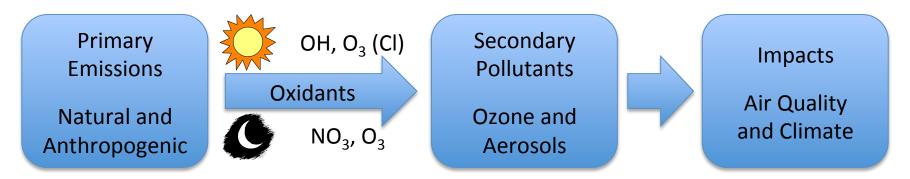


Nighttime atmospheric chemistry Steven S. Brown



Atmospheric chemical transformation (oxidation) determines many of the impacts of primary emissions



- Cannot understand chemical transformation unless you understand the night
- CSD is a recognized leader in nighttime chemistry

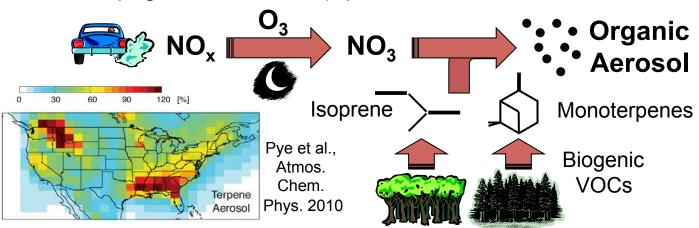
CSD research topics for this review:

- 1. Nighttime oxidation of biogenic hydrocarbons

 The influence of anthropogenic emissions on aerosol from biogenic emissions
- 2. Heterogeneous reactions of nitrogen oxides A better understanding of the influence of NO_x on tropospheric ozone

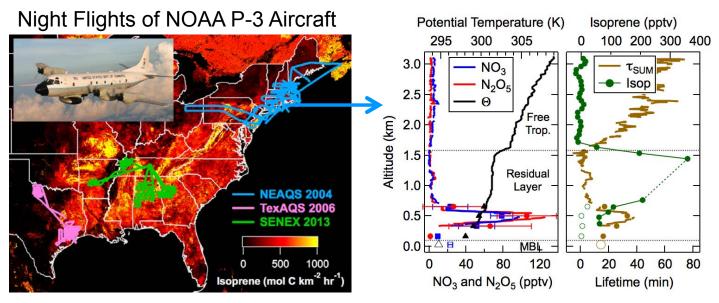
Nocturnal Biogenic VOC Oxidation

Scientific Problem: Enhanced organic aerosol of biogenic origin in regions of high anthropogenic emissions (Spracklen, ACP 2011; Xu, PNAS 2015)



Nighttime BVOC oxidation is one aerosol source that couples anthropogenic and biogenic emissions

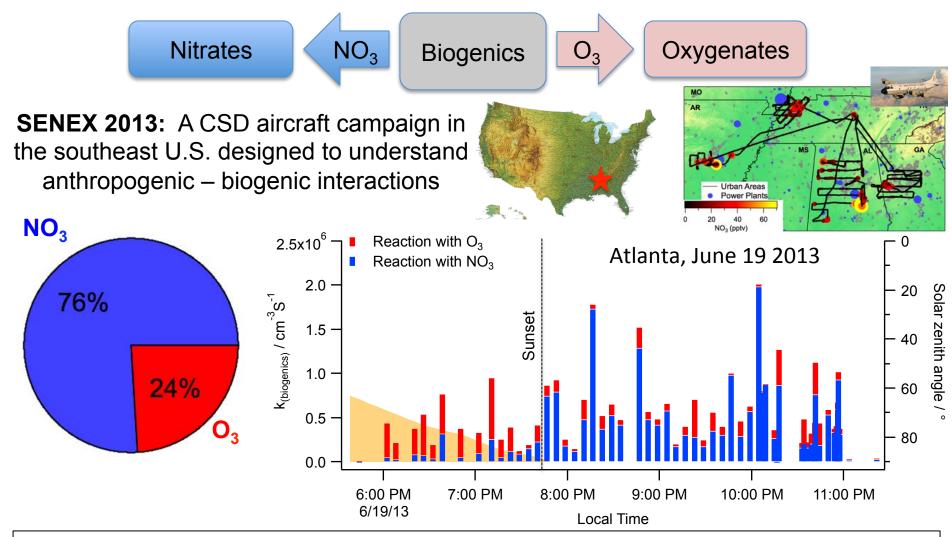
CSD Approach: Extensive laboratory and field studies, including the most comprehensive current database of nighttime aircraft measurements



Aircraft probes
vertical structure
in stratified
nighttime
atmosphere for
complete picture
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Nocturnal Biogenic VOC Oxidation

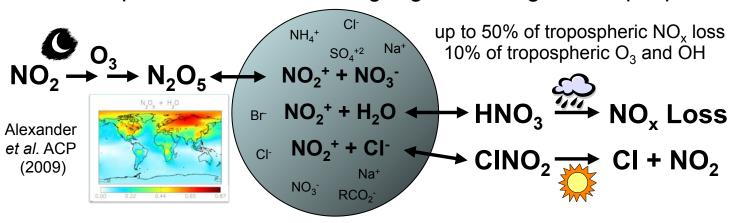
Key Scientific Result: Quantitative measure of the competition between NO_3 (anthropogenic) and O_3 (natural, background) oxidation of biogenics at night



Despite recent reductions in U.S. emissions, NO_x still dominates nighttime oxidation in the summertime residual layer in the Southeast

Heterogeneous Reactions of Nitrogen Oxides

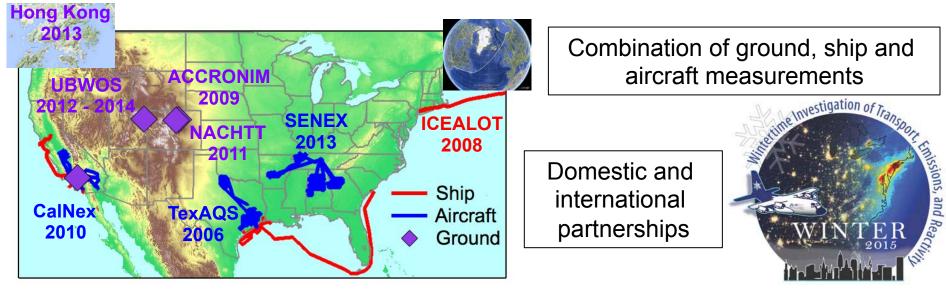
Scientific Problem: Nitrogen oxide reactions on aerosols are complex and uncertain, but important to understanding regional and global tropospheric ozone



N₂O₅ uptake is variable

CINO₂ recently discovered, highly uncertain yield

CSD Approach: Laboratory, field and model studies, including the largest current database for paired measurements of N₂O₅ and ClNO₂



Heterogeneous Reactions of Nitrogen Oxides

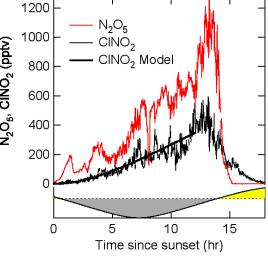
Key Scientific Result: Demonstration of ubiquitous production of CINO₂ from N_2O_5 ,

even in continental interior regions

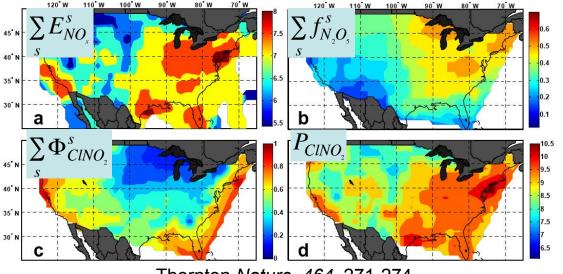
ACCRONIM 2009: Activation of Continental Chloride by ACCRONIM 2009: Activation of Continental Chloride by Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen in Midwinter, A CSD ground based intensive







17% yield of CINO₂ from N₂O₅



Thornton Nature, 464, 271-274

New paradigm for tropospheric halogens & NO_x